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On the 3rd October, at Craigleburn, the Peak, Lady ROBINSON, of a son, who survived his birth only a few hours.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

LONDON, October 3rd.

The treasure and the archives of the sacred city of Moukden have been removed into the interior.

The Japanese have landed 5,000 troops at Posset.

A decisive battle is expected to be fought at Ngan (Pick-tong?) near the Manchurian frontier. [It is quite impossible for the Japanese to have landed a body of troops at Posset, which is a Russian military and well-guarded station close to the mouth of the Tumen river; the north-eastern frontier of Korea, separating the Hermit Kingdom from the Chinese territory acquired by Russia about thirty years ago. It is, however, credible that the Japanese have landed a few thousand troops at the town of Klung-hong near the mouth of the Tumen river.—Ed. H.K. Telegraph.]

TYPHOON NOTES.

At 10.25 this morning the typhoon gun was fired one round, and most of the native craft immediately sought shelter, while the steamers in port got up steam ready for any emergencies arising from the approaching gale.

At 10.30 the following "express" was issued from the Observatory:—"The centre of the typhoon is about 250 miles to the south-east of Hongkong, apparently moving towards west-north-west. A strong north-east gale may be expected here."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OWING to extreme pressure on our news columns "Sporting Notes" and other interesting matters are unavoidably held over until to-morrow.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Canton* left London for this port on the 29th ult.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another part of this issue, Mr. Geo. R. Stevens has been appointed agent for the Imperial Marine Insurance Co., Limited, of Tokyo.

The case of Raymond v. Malcampo was concluded at the Supreme Court this morning, his lordship giving judgment for the plaintiff for \$185.94, with costs of the suit.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 3 p.m. yesterday, and left again at 1 a.m. to-day for this port, via Nagasaki and Shanghai.

We are informed by Messrs. Dowell, Catill & Co., that the British steamer *Pathank*, recently seized by a Chinese gunboat, left Keelung at noon yesterday bound for Shanghai.

An inquiry will be held at the Magistrate's on Saturday into the circumstances connected with the death of Bowring, the marine of H.M.S. *Undaunted* who, as reported in our last issue, was drowned near Victoria wharf on Tuesday evening.

GEORGE THORNTON, a Dock-yard policeman, was charged by Inspector Duncan at the Magistrate's this morning with misappropriating \$26.51 belonging to the Naval Dockyard police mess. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

It is expected, says the *Hyogo News*, that the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha will complete the purchase of the *Pallas* in Yokohama. She came out, it will be remembered, as the *Kachidate-maru*, but, detained in Shanghai, she was again put under the English flag and resumed her former name. The Chinese authorities had almost made up their minds to seize her when this was done.

THE sensational Lyndhurst Terrace alleged poisoning case was called on again before Mr. Wodehouse in the Police Court this morning. The complainant, Miss Pauline Hollis of "No. 46," did not put in an appearance, and a warrant was issued for her arrest, which could not be executed as the fair one left yesterday for the North by the *Saghalien*. The accused were, of course, discharged from custody.

We give the following sensational paragraph from the *China Gazette* of the 28th ult., for whatever it may be worth:—"We learn upon good authority that the Chinese army along the Yalu have mutinied and are in open conflict with their officers. Thousands have thrown down their arms and left the camps, the main reason given by them being that it is no use attempting to fight with the wretched weapons they are armed with, and for which they have not even the proper ammunition. The news has created a panic in Tientsin and Peking, where a coup d'état is now quite on the cards."

It is stated in a recent issue of *The Scotsman* that the Press Association learned from the Admiralty have issued to all commissioned officers of the Royal Naval Reserve a document relating to service with foreign Powers. The issuing of this new instruction, though not expressly referring to service with the Chinese or Japanese fleet, has admittedly been influenced by the hostilities now in progress between those countries, and the desire of Great Britain to preserve an attitude of complete neutrality. The statement that a few of the Reserve officers who were in the Far East at the time of the outbreak of war had entered the service of the Chinese Government has not yet been confirmed.—The only officers of the R. N. R. who are engaged on the side of China were in the service of the Chinese Government long before the war broke out.

THE *Chelon* correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes under date September 27th:—"All is quiet here. The news of the defeat of the Chinese Army at Pingyang, and their flight at the mouth of the Yalu, caused no excitement here except among the officials, but the more thoughtful of the natives, with few exceptions, believe that the Tartar dynasty is doomed to extinction, and are glad that it is so. A Chinese gentleman remarked to me, a few days ago, that although it was a disgrace to be beaten by such a small country as Japan it would be the best thing that could happen, for it would open the eyes of his countrymen to see the rottenness of their system of government, and would lead to reform. It is, however, very questionable whether the restoration of the Ming or any other Chinese dynasty would be much improvement on the present order of things, for the whole nation is hopelessly dishonest. The big fish eat the little fish, the little fish eat the shrimp, and the shrimp eat the mud." In the favour of Chinese proverb of general application to all despotic governments, under Government, and will continue to be until the "mud" (the poor people) declines any longer to be food for the "shrimp" (the lower officials).

THERE have been 'revelations' recently on board the Nova Scotian ship *Muskochea*, Captain Crowe, at Saigon. The skipper and his crew fell out, it appears, before Saigon was reached and belaying pink, ca-stan-bari, and chunks of fire-wood were freely used in more than one 'scrap.' The quartermaster appears to have triumphed in the end, however, and to have succeeded in knocking 'seven bells' out of the hapless denizens of the forecastle, some of whom soon found themselves in duress at Saigon and others on board the *Saghalien* en route to Hongkong. At least, that is what a *Telegraph* reporter gathered shortly after the arrival of the *Saghalien* here yesterday morning with four British seamen, late members of the crew of the *Muskochea*, in charge of a military guard who kept them heavily manacled. Upon the mail boat's arrival here yesterday morning the men were handed over to Sergeant Niven who at once cast his charge free from their iron chains and handcuffs and took them to the Central Station, where they will be taken care of until some decision is arrived at as to what is to be done with them. The men complain bitterly of the treatment they received on board the *Muskochea* and while under the charge of "Captain" Jinks of the French Marines, and appear by not altogether without reason. These unfortunate men, named Charles Drummond, William Leitham, William Kitson and George Reid, were brought before Mr. Hastings yesterday and charged with "quitting ship without permission, refusing duty, using threatening language towards the seaward, assaulting the master, Crowe, and the mate, Lane, on the south wharf." The police had no documentary authority for taking the men into custody, so his Worship remanded the accused till to-morrow to give the police time to produce tangible evidence of some kind.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon. Mr. F. H. May (Captain Superintendent of Police) presided, and there were also present Mr. W. Chatbam (Acting Director of Public Works), Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., Dr. James, Mr. R. K. Leigh, and Mr. E. A. Ram, Acting Secretary.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

OUR WATER SUPPLY.

Mr. Francis moved—"That the management of Water Works be transferred to the Sanitary Board as the Water Authority."

A lively discussion followed but nothing was done.

JARDINE'S QUARTERS.

Mr. Leigh moved—"That the period named in the notice served upon Messrs. Jardine, Methuen & Co. as the term within which to state the minutes existing on Island Lot No. 101 be extended to the 1st January next."

A GOOD MOVE.

Mr. Leigh moved—"That this Board appoint a Committee to consider and report on the best steps to be taken for the more efficient carrying out of the houses in Victoria and elsewhere in the Colony."

Considerable discussion followed and a Committee being formed.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

Mr. Francis, pursuant to notice, moved—"That the Board desires to congratulate Surgeon-Major James upon his appointment to special duties with the 'Red Cross' of the Chinese Army in the field, to express their very sincere regret at his resignation of his position on the Board and their hearty thanks for the very valuable services he has rendered since the outbreak of the plague to the Community generally and to this Board, by his daily labours at the Tung-wah Hospital and in the city, by his frequent visits to the out-villages, and by his presence and advice on the Permanent Committee."

Dr. Ayres seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

THANKS.

A letter from the Colonial Secretary, enclosing copy of a letter from the Permanent Committee of the Sanitary Board and a translation of a letter from several of the leading Chinese residents was read and the following was passed:

Permanent Committee, Sanitary Board, September 27th.

Sir,—I have the honour to hand you herewith for the information of His Excellency the Governor, a letter received from Mr. Wei Yuk and a number of Chinese gentlemen reporting favourably on Inspector Germain's conduct and management of the house-to-house visitation during the plague, and requesting the Committee to submit it for His Excellency's information and consideration.

The Committee have already reported to His Excellency, representing the valuable service rendered by Mr. Germain, and as to his tact and excellent temper.

I have the honour, etc., etc., (Signed) JNO. J. FRANCIS, Chairman.

The Hon. the Acting Colonial Secretary.

(Translation)

A PUBLIC LETTER.

During the prevalence of the plague in Hongkong some months ago the Government instituted the measure of house-to-house visitation, and the gentleman who was appointed to take charge of this work was Inspector Germain. The work of house-to-house visitation was a labour which everybody disliked, as well as the attendance on the plague-stricken patients, yet Inspector Germain performed it to the satisfaction of every person, and no one has ever vent to any feeling of dislike and resentment against him. Now the plague having disappeared the service performed by Inspector Germain should be appreciated.

It is the rule in every place, that when any one has performed a good service it should be recognized, therefore in case a reward be given to those who have performed meritorious services, the services of Inspector Germain ought not to be forgotten.

As we do not wish to keep silence in respect to what we have observed and heard, we venture to bring this matter to your notice, and respectfully hope that you will approve of our commendation of Inspector Germain. This is our earnest desire.

To the President of the Sanitary Board for transmission to His Excellency the Governor.

Signed by:—Li Yau-chun, Choi Chi-yang, Wei Yuk, Tam Lo-tseung, Wai Long-shan, Fung Wa-chun and 23 others.

Left proceeding.

THE WRECK OF THE "BELLONA."

News of the total loss of the "Klingin" line steamer *Bellona*, 1721 tons, Captain F. Jaeger, which was wrecked by the German steamer *Ingraham*, which has arrived from Soerabaya and Singapore, this morning.

Although the attached typhoon warnings were published on the 27th and 28th instant, yet the *Bellona* put to sea at 6 a.m. on Saturday last (the 29th) bound for Singapore and Hamburg with a good general cargo and four European sailors and twelve Chinese stowaway passengers. The wind was then blowing very fresh from N.E. and N.E., accompanied with heavy squalls from the eastward. Orders were soon given to make everything ready for an encounter with a typhoon for the barometer was falling rapidly and the wind was momentarily increasing. Between 8 a.m. and noon the wind blew at times with hurricane force and the sea ran mountain high, notwithstanding which the vessel behaved well and rode the seas in remarkably fine style. The next day (30th), however, the weather changed, and the wind was shifted to west and at times the squalls were exceedingly violent, and it soon became necessary to head the *Bellona* off from S.W. to S.E. subsequent through the wind backed from N.E. through N. to W.S.W. a tremendous gale-swept and ever and anon tumbled on board can be the vessel to tremble from stem to stern. By 1 a.m. the barometer had dropped to 29.16 and remained at that point till 6 a.m. at which hour the centre of the depression was observed to the north-east. Shortly afterwards the wind moderated and the barometer gradually went up to 29.5. During the afternoon the wind freshened to such an extent that it became necessary to "heave-to." At 10 o'clock that night the ship's position about 40 miles distant from the North Re. (of the Paracels) the wind moderated and the barometer went up rapidly. At 5 a.m. on Monday (the 1st) a dark cloud was sighted right ahead which appeared to the look-out to be a squall coming down on the ship, and the Captain, who was asleep, then appeared on the bridge and ordered the engines to be immediately stopped,

but the order was given too late and the vessel struck the North Reef with terrific force, and in a few moments, was completely full of water, while huge seas constantly struck the helpless vessel or made clean breach over her hull. The passengers and crew took to the rigging, but at daylight the wind having gone down a good deal, the boats were launched and the captain abandoned his vessel with all hands at about 8 a.m. A terrible day and night were spent in the boats, and great was the joy of everybody when the steamer *Ingraham*, Captain Piper, came to their rescue at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, in lat. 17.40 north and long. 111.11 east.

Everything possible was done for the shipwrecked people on the *Ingraham*, and one and all of the survivors speak very highly of the care and attention they received on Captain Piper's ship.

The passengers on the *Bellona* were:—First cabin: Messrs E. K. Held, Oscar Noor, C. Temam and J. Meyer; stowage, twelve Chinese booked for Singapore.

The *Bellona* was an iron steamer of 1721 tons; built in 1887 at Newcastle for the Deutsche Dampfschiff. She was fully insured in German offices for upwards of £60,000.

A marine court of inquiry will be held at an early date.

The following are the typhoon warnings referred to:—

"MANILA, September 26th, 5.25 p.m."

"There appears to be another depression to the south-east of Luzon."

September 27th, 6 a.m.

"The depression announced yesterday struck the island of Luzon early this morning from the south-east. It will probably pass over Manila to-day. This typhoon appears to be moving from S.E. to N.W. We do not yet know if it will change its direction on entering the China Sea."

"The typhoon is moving slowly and in the same direction as given in the telegram despatched at 6 a.m."

The Acting Director of the Observatory states in the weather forecast issued this morning that, at 10.25 a.m., a typhoon was situated to the south-east of Bolineo, and that moderate to strong north-east winds and fair to showery weather may be expected here during the 24 hours ending at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

September 28th, 6 a.m.

"At present the depression is moving towards W.N.W."

At 10.25 a.m. the red cone was hoisted at the *Victor Emanuel's* yard-arm indicating the existence of a typhoon to the south and more than 300 miles from the Colony. The Acting Director of the Observatory states in his weather forecast issued to-day that at 10.25 a.m. the typhoon entered the China Sea to the south of Bolineo, and then appeared to be moving in a N.N.W. direction.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Occidental and Oriental Co.'s steamship *Belgic*, Capt. W. H. Walker, from San Francisco, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, with the American mails up to 8th September, arrived in the harbour to-day. We are indebted to our San Francisco exchanges for the subjoined telegrams:—

LONDON, August 28th.

The *St. James Gazette* this afternoon gives prominence to a letter written by an Anglo-Canadian, charging serious poaching on the part of American schooners in the Hudson bay, especially the Mackenzie river. The writer says: "Brother Jonathan is an exceedingly smart practitioner. While inviting the powers to adhere to the Behring Sea award, he is poaching on his own account."

VIRNA, August 28th.

Tropical heat prevails throughout the Austrian empire. In this the mercury registered 94 degrees in the shade. The troops taking part in the maneuvers have suffered terribly. There were 100 casualties during the cavalry maneuvers at Kornberg, nine miles from this city. On Sunday and Monday there were 349 new cases of cholera and 171 deaths in Galicia and 43 new cases and 42 deaths in Bukovina.

PORTSMOUTH, August 28th.

The Queen's yacht *Eloise*, with Princess Louise of Lorne and suit on board, after having crossed the Solent from Cowes, to-day ran ashore on a sand bank at the mouth of the harbor. The *Eloise's* party was landed in the yacht's boats.

TANAGER, August 28th.

Advices received here from Mazatlan say, that numbers of Europeans are leaving that town, owing to threats made by the Kabyles that they will attack the place.

Revolts against the extortions of the Governors are reported from various portions of Morocco, and the powerful Ducalla tribe stopped the Governor's coming from Fez, and demanded the payment of tribute.—A conflict ensued and numbers were killed on both sides.

MELBOURNE, August 28th.

The House of Assembly, without a division, has passed a vote of want of confidence in the Government.

METZ, August 28th.

The authorities have caused the arrest of Mme. Ismert, a French lady, who they charge with being a spy.

AUCKLAND, August 28th.

Tawhiao II, the Maori King, is dead. His death was due to influenza.

LONDON, August 29th.

A representative of the British Foreign Office, to-day explained that the withdrawal of the British garrison from Cyprus was due to military exigencies only and had no political meaning.

ROME, August 29th.

The police of Milan have arrested an anarchist in whose possession were papers detailing the plans of a conspiracy to stab the King of Greece.

BERLIN, August 29th.

Herr Wulff, a member of the Silver Commission, has written a series of articles to the *Deutsche Wochenblatt*, attacking the intentions of the group of German bankers, who propose to open subscriptions in Germany to the Chinese loan. Herr Wulff warns the public against subscribing to a gold loan, such as is proposed, inasmuch as China is a silver country, and he declares that the conclusion of a gold loan to China would inevitably lead to losses in Germany's financial dealing with Mexico.

VIRNA, August 29th.

Hailstorms have done great damage throughout Austria. At Kowno, Poland, three children were killed by hailstones.

LONDON, August 31st.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* publishes a dispatch from Johannesburg which says:—"The Government of the Transvaal is being urged to place a tax of 7½ per cent on British silver."

NEW YORK, August 31st.

The Cunard liner *Lucania*, which sailed from Queenstown at 12.45 p.m. on August 26th, passed in at Sandy Hook at 5.18 this afternoon. She has, therefore, beaten the record of the *Comet*, which, on August 27th, had made the run in 5 days, 9 hours and 30 minutes.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 31st.

A regiment of Cossacks at Terki, a government garrison of 100 in the Caucasus, became mutinous. The loyal troops surrounded them and thirty of the leaders were made prisoners. The ringleader of the mutiny was hanged to death.

LONDON, September 2nd.

A Cape Town dispatch to the *Times* says that business is at a standstill in Looe to Marquise, on the north side of Delagoa bay, owing to the revolt of the natives. A Portuguese launch was fired on by natives and returned the fire, killing a number of the natives. None of the Portuguese were hurt.

Western Europe is just beginning to awaken to the fact, that the most savage cholera epidemic of modern years is sweeping along its very doors. We have been seeing standing chorals, chronicling devastations in far-off places and have paid no attention. Sporadic cases in the Flemish and Dutch lowlands for a couple of months back also passed unnoticed.

Now, suddenly it is forced upon us that not only has the scourge reached a terrible point throughout old Poland, Russia, Poland and Galicia, moving forward in an unbroken wall, killing fully half of the number it attacks, and staying by the strand, but it has made a big outbreak in Lille, a sort of working-class suburb of Liege, where the unheard-of percentage is twenty-four deaths in twenty-five first cases.

This makes the Meuse valley infected all the way from Maestricht to Seraing, and its dense, badly housed, and poorly fed population of iron workers and coal miners, affords an ideal formation bed for a great pestilence. At the one end, this fresh outpost of the plague is only 200 miles from Paris and 250 miles from London.

BRUSSELS, September 2nd.

A case of cholera was reported to-day at Newport, West Flanders. One death from the disease occurred at Bokmeer.

ROME, September 2nd.

Eugene Zawal, formerly American Consul here, made an attempt to kill himself to-day in the Mall of the Pincio, a fashionable evening resort, but was prevented by the police. It is believed that the attempt was prompted by financial troubles.

LONDON, September 2nd.

The ministerial crisis has been passed by a remodelling of the Cabinet. Senor Ribeiro, the Prime Minister, will retain the finance portfolio, abandoning the position of Foreign Minister, which will be taken by Senor d'Alva, the former Minister of Public Works, industry and commerce. Senor Henriques will succeed Senor d'Alva.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our Sydney exchanges were "crowded out" of last night's issue:—

LONDON, September 3th.

Hundreds of survivors from the fires in America were rendered partially blind by the intense heat, their eyeballs being dreadfully scorched.

Three hundred square miles of country were burned.

Fresh fires have broken out in the Chautauque, Erie, McKean, and Elk counties.

It is feared that the fires will reach the oil fields.

The German Emperor has unveiled a statue of the late Emperor William at Königsberg. The attitude of the figure shows the late Emperor with an uplifted sword in his right hand. In commenting on this the Kaiser said the attitude was well selected and appropriate to the situation of the present day.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* publishes a telegram regarding the collision which has taken place on the River Niger in West Africa between a French force. It says that the losses on the side of the British were 60 killed and wounded. No details of the fighting are yet to hand.

The work of demolishing a building at Derby was proceeding to-day when one of the walls collapsed unexpectedly. Most of the women succeeded in getting out of the way of the falling bricks, but three persons were buried beneath the wreckage. The debris was speedily cleared away, and the men were rescued, though terribly injured. There is no hope that they will recover.

The United States authorities have placed a Canadian sealing schooner under arrest in Behring Sea, though the latter is said to have complied with the law regulating the seal fisheries in those waters.

It is feared that the incident will result in a difficulty between Canada and the United States.

A circular, purporting to have been issued by the Irish National Party, has been published. The circular appeals for contributions in aid of the Irish Parliamentary funds, and it is alleged that it has been issued to all the wealthy Liberals in Great Britain.

A party of explorers who set out on a trip to the Arctic regions have returned to Canada. The vessel in which the party sailed was wrecked on the coast of Greenland, and the members were compelled to return, enduring great hardship on their way back.

At a meeting of the Irish National League, Mr. John Redmond, M.P. for Waterford City, lamented the "deadly apathy" in America and Australia in the matter of donations to the funds of the league.

The trial of three pashas for enslaving Sudanese girls is being proceeded with at Cairo, and is causing much excitement.

The statement that the Khedive had countermanded the order for the trial was unofficial. Russia intends to build a railway from Merv to Penjdeh, in Central Asia.

SYDNEY, September 3th.

Lawler's furniture warehouses, in Sydney, were burned to the ground on Saturday last, the damage being estimated at £40,000. A German was killed.

The unionist shearers in the Riverina district are using violence towards the non-union men who are last taking their places. Strong parties of police have been told

